

Description of Staff Designated to Make Eligibility Determination

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) have established an agreement regarding the provision of eligibility determination for the Medicaid program. This agreement defines the responsibilities of OHCA, the Single State Agency, as the administrator of the Medicaid State Plan and the DHS, Title IV-A Agency, as the eligibility determination agency for the Medicaid program.

The Oklahoma Department of Public Welfare (now known as DHS) was created by an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma adopted by a vote of the people on July 7, 1936. Codified as Article XXV of the Constitution, this law establishes the mission of the Department to provide for the relief and care of...needy persons who, on account of immature age, physical infirmity, disability or other cause, are unable to provide for themselves. The Article created the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission later also designated by statute as the Commission for Human Services and provided for the selection by the Commission of a Director of Public Welfare (now usually identified as the Director of Human Services).

The Family Support Services Division of DHS maintains the Title IV-A State Plan and is responsible for developing procedures, in accordance with OHCA policies and rules, for the determination of Medicaid eligibility. The Family Support Services Division Administrator is assisted by a Deputy Division Administrator and two Programs Administrators. Each major program area within the Division is supervised by a Programs Supervisor including: AFDC, State Supplemental payments, EPSDT, Refugee Assistance, SSI/DCP and financial eligibility for Title XIX medical services.

The Office of Field Operations, under the direction of the Associate Director, is responsible for the implementation of program policy. The Associate Director is assisted by six area directors that provide direct supervision of 69 County Directors and 83 County offices. County Directors provide supervision of the county staff who interview applicants and determine eligibility for Medicaid.

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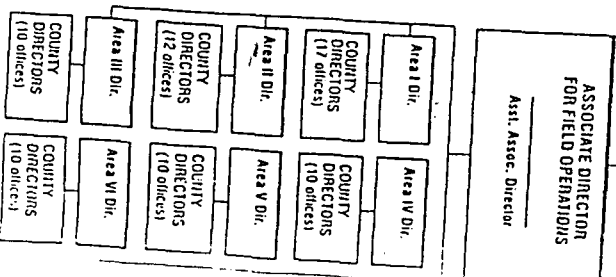
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